

## LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

| Budget Summary |                              |                     |                        |                        |                   |  |         |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|---------|
| Fund           | 2014-15 Base<br>Year Doubled | 2015-17<br>Governor | 2015-17<br>Jt. Finance | 2015-17<br>Legislature | 2015-17<br>Act 55 | Act 55 Change Over<br><u>Base Year Doubled</u> |         |
|                |                              |                     |                        |                        |                   | Amount   | Percent |
| SEG            | \$422,200                    | \$454,600           | \$454,600              | \$454,600              | \$454,600         | \$32,400                                       | 7.7%    |

| FTE Position Summary |              |                     |                        |                        |                   |                                    |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fund                 | 2014-15 Base | 2016-17<br>Governor | 2016-17<br>Jt. Finance | 2016-17<br>Legislature | 2016-17<br>Act 55 | Act 55 Change<br>Over 2014-15 Base |
|                      |              |                     |                        |                        |                   |                                    |
| SEG                  | 2.00         | 2.00                | 2.00                   | 2.00                   | 2.00              | 0.00                               |

### Budget Change Items

#### 1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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| SEG | \$32,400 |
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**Governor/Legislature:** Provide \$16,100 in 2015-16 and \$16,300 in 2016-17 from the conservation fund (75% water resources and 25% forestry account) as follows: (a) \$15,700 annually for full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits; and (b) \$400 in 2015-16 and \$600 in 2016-17 for full funding of lease costs and directed moves.

#### 2. ATTACH LWSRB TO DNR [LFB Paper 625]

**Governor:** Attach the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for limited administrative purposes under section 15.03 of the statutes. Specify that, on the effective date of the bill, the assets and liabilities of the Department of Tourism (Tourism) primarily related to the functions of the LWSRB, as determined by the Secretary of Administration, become assets and liabilities of DNR. Further specify that, on the effective date of the bill all tangible personal property, including records, primarily related to the functions of the LWSRB is transferred to DNR and that all contracts entered into by Tourism in effect on the date of the bill that are primarily related to the functions of the LWSRB are transferred to DNR and that DNR shall carry out any obligations under such contracts until the contracts are modified or rescinded by DNR to the extent allowed under the

contracts.

Under current law, the LWSRB is attached to the Department of Tourism for limited administrative purposes. The bill would instead attach the Board to DNR for the same purposes. Under current law and under the bill, the Board consists of a member from each of the following counties: Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, and Sauk nominated by the respective county boards and then appointed by the Governor as well as three members (from other counties) who must represent recreational user groups and serve subject to Senate confirmation. Under the bill, DNR would continue to assign an employee whose office is in each of the Riverway counties to serve as a liaison representative on issues concerning the Riverway.

Under section 15.03 of the statutes, any attached board is considered a distinct unit of that department. The board exercises its powers, duties, and functions prescribed by law including rule making, licensing and regulation, and operational planning, independently of the department secretary. Limited administrative functions such as budgeting, program coordination, and related management are performed under the direction and supervision of the department secretary.

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Adopt the Governor's recommendation to attach the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board to DNR for limited administrative purposes. In addition, specify that personnel and biennial budget requests as determined by the LWSRB are to be forwarded by DNR without change, except as requested or concurred in by the Board.

[Act 55 Sections: 104, 219, 1064, 1064m, and 9144(2)]